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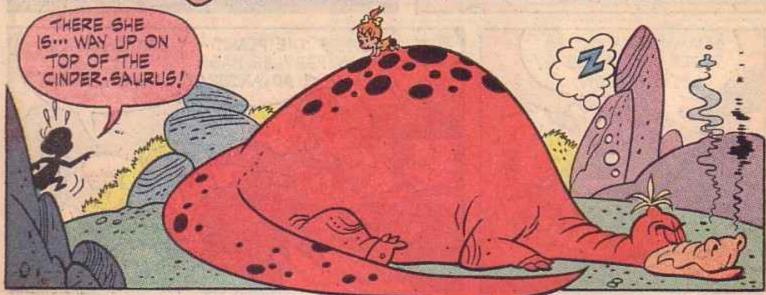






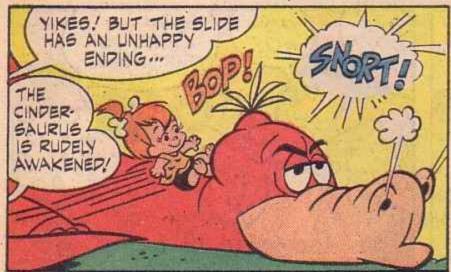














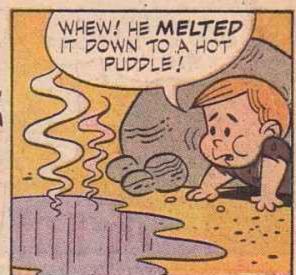










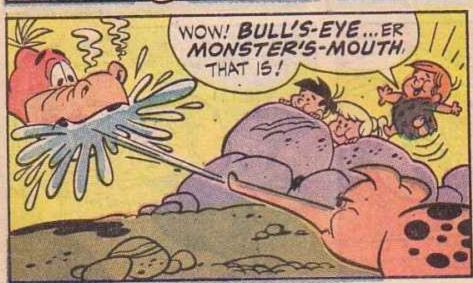


























































































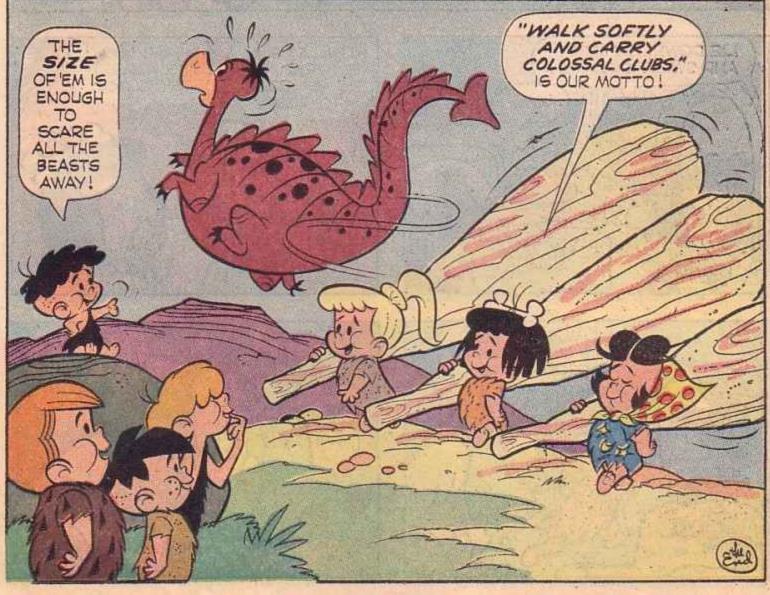












































































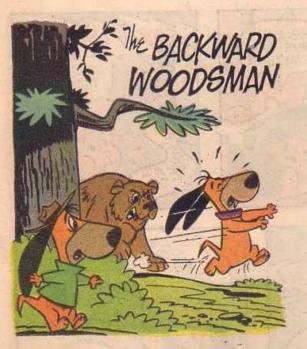












"Guess what, dear Dad!" shouted Augie as he came home from school. "The Pup Scouts are camping out overnight next week!"

"Fine!" replied Doggie Daddy, "That

should be fun. I wish I could go along!" "But, dear Dad," said Augie, doubtfully,

"it's going to be real rugged, and besides, aren't you, uh, kind of old?"

That was the wrong thing to say! "Me. old?" Dad bristled, "Why, I'm as ragged, I mean, rugged as ever, and just to prove it, I'll spend the night in the woods all alone with no food or anything to help!"

Well, Augie was sorry he had brought the subject up, but Doggie Daddy couldn't be talked out of it. So, that evening found them both at the edge of the woods.

If Augie's dad wished he hadn't gotten himself into this, he didn't show it. "Now. don't worry, son of mine," he said. "I'll meet you here bright and early, first thing in the morning! Nighty-night."

With that, he marched off into the woods. Augie, however, was worried. "Gosh," he thought, "I'd hate to have anything happen to dear old Dad! I better look after him, with-

out letting him know it."

Well, it wasn't long before Dad wished he hadn't put up such a brave front, because it was late, he was hungry, and there was nothing to eat but nuts and berries.

Luck was with him, for right ahead was a

big bush loaded with blackberries! "This outing will be a cinch!" he exulted. "I'll eat my fill, find a cozy place to sleep and be chipper as a chipmunk in the morning!"

But when he grabbed what he thought was a luscious berry, it turned out to be the nose of a bear cub, who let out a yowl!

Where there is a bear cub, there's usually a mother bear - as Doggie Daddy found out when he heard an angry GGRRROWL practically at his shoulder!

Augie's poor dad started to run, with Mama Bear after him! Augie, watching this, horrified, had to think fast. He picked up a big pine cone and threw it at Mama, hitting her most tender spot - her nose. She stopped short, looking around for the source of annoyance, but seeing nothing, she went grumblingly back to her cub.

Doggie Daddy, meanwhile, was congratulating himself on being able to outrun a bear. Then a chilly wind came up and he thought he'd better build himself a fire, like the Indians did, by spinning a stick between his hands into a hole in another stick.

However, a few minutes of this only made his hands hot. He went to a stream to cool them off, which gave Augie a chance to light his dad's fire with a match.

When Dad came back, he thought he'd started the fire himself, after all. Pleased with his progress, he curled up beside the flickering flames and fell fast asleep.

All night long, poor Augie kept watch over his dear dad, replenishing the fire with fresh wood from time to time.

Morning came at last. Dad awoke, yawned, and said to himself with great satisfaction. "Well, I made it through the night, snug as a bug! What's so rugged about that?"

Augie, meanwhile, hurried to the edge of the woods where they had agreed to meet. But while he waited for his dad to show up. he was so tired from his all-night vigil that he fell fast asleep!

Doggie Daddy soon arrived, took one look at his snoring son, and thought, "How about that! He's all tuckered out from just a little hike up here to the woods!"

"All I can say is," Augie's dad remarked as he carried his sleeping son home, "it's a good thing this son of mine has a rugged dad like me to look after him!"















































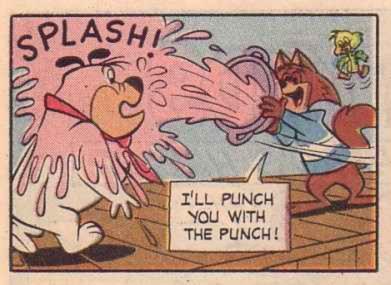
















































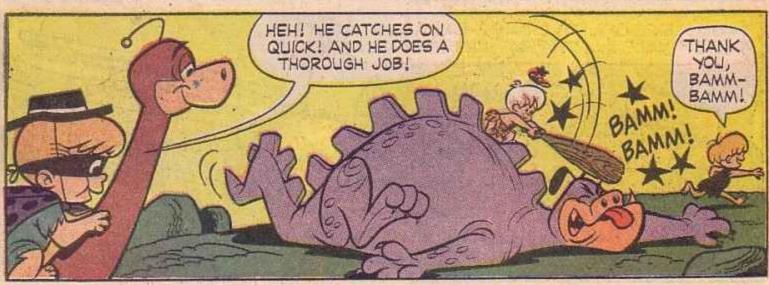














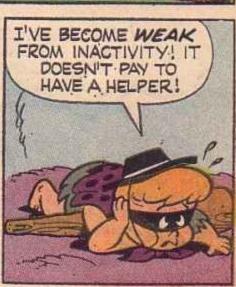




















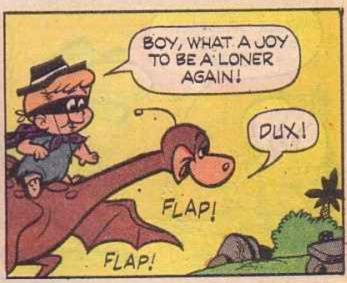




























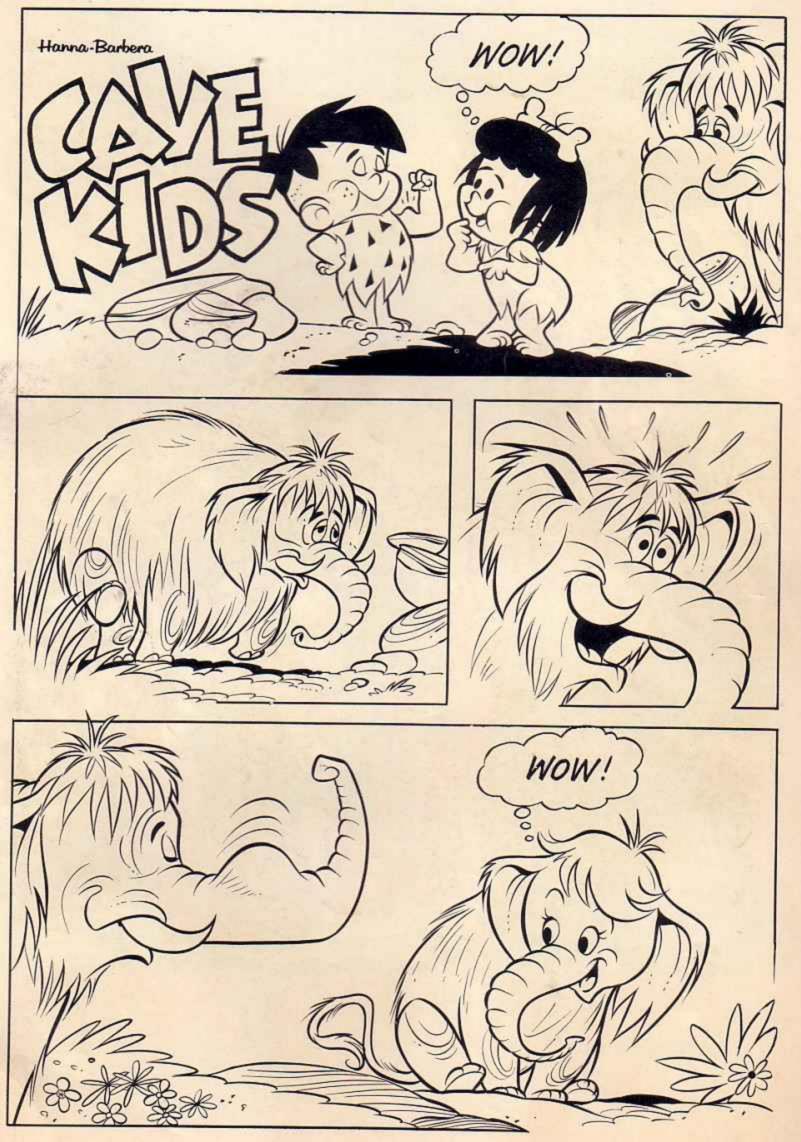


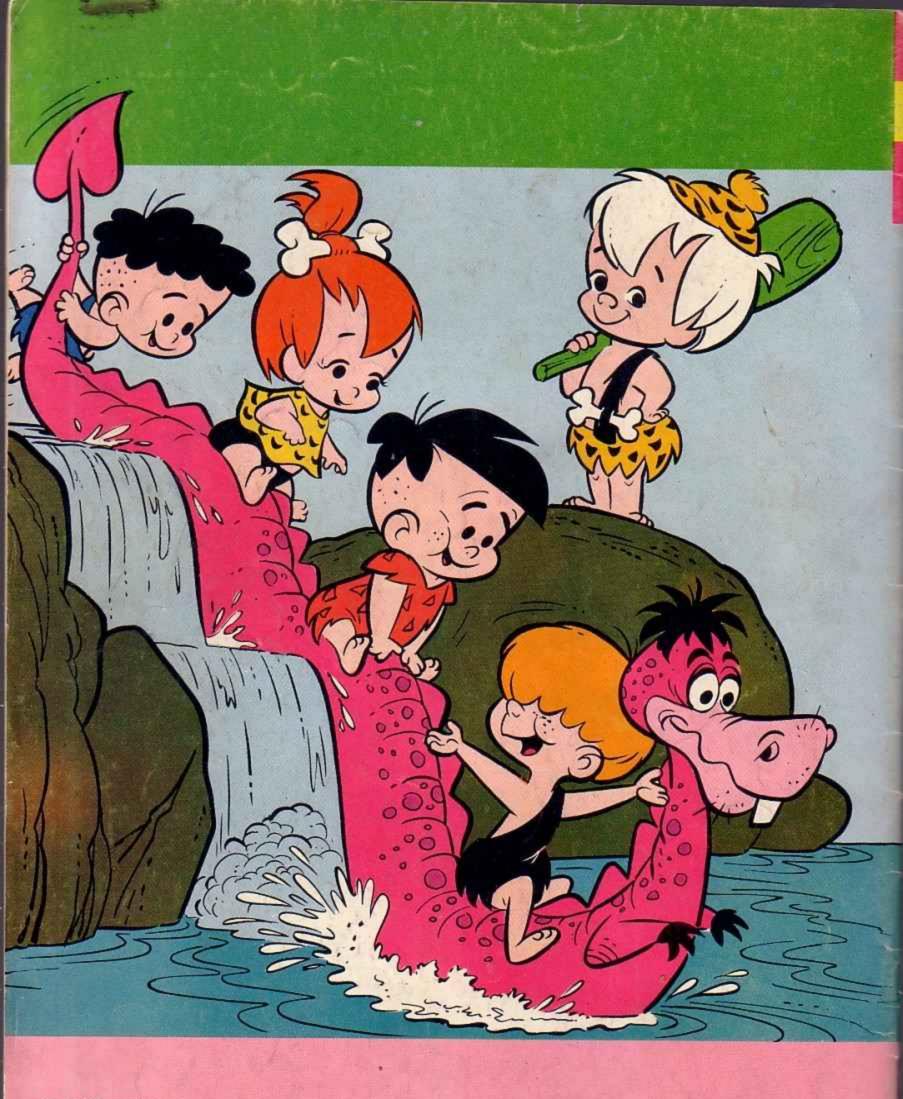












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